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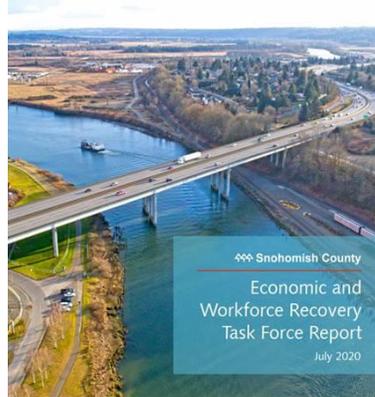
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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County Task Force Releases Report to Advance Economic Recovery from COVID-19



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The report documents widespread economic upheaval, and underscores the need for a coordinated response to rebuild the economy.

The task force was established by Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. It is led by co-chairs Amy

Drewel, Owner/Principal of Mosaic Insurance, and Ray Stephanson, former Mayor of Everett. Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring serves as the Advisory Group Chair.

"Snohomish County was ground zero for the first reported case of COVID-19," said Executive Somers. "Through those first few months, we led the country in response to the pandemic, and we are working towards being the first to fully recover. At the onset, our entire community stepped up, not only to respond but also to balance our recovery and resiliency efforts."

Chair Nehring thanked all who shared ideas for helping the county recover.

"The voices of small business owners and workers from across Snohomish County clearly express the difficulties they have faced during the pandemic," he said. "The strategic recommendations they have provided pave the way to support job creation and economic growth."

The full report is available online [here](#).

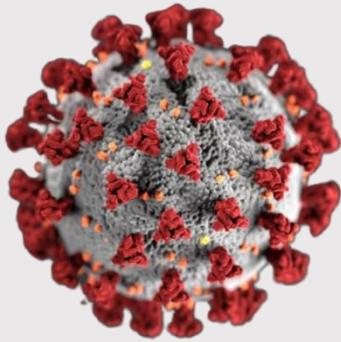
The recommendations and strategies fall into three categories:

- **Response:** Strategies to respond quickly to identify the needs of businesses and nonprofits who were mandated to close and remain closed until they are allowed to open. Strategies are designed to help stabilize a company and support its employees. Many already are being implemented.
- **Recovery:** Focus on businesses as they prepare to a reopen under the Safe Start program as well as those businesses that are already open. Even when open, these businesses will require continued support to ensure they can successfully operate.
- **Resiliency:** Prepares the economy should the virus strengthen, requiring more mitigation measures, and supports long-term growth and shared prosperity throughout Snohomish County.

For more information, please read the [full press release](#).

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY OFFERS AEROSPACE GRANT FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING

Snohomish County has launched a grant program for customized, short-term training for the aerospace industry and its workforce.

implementing the new statewide requirements regarding face coverings. Businesses now must ensure that customers wear face coverings when indoors or when outdoors and safe social distancing is not possible. The order is one of three in place now in Washington that mandate wearing face coverings in situations where science indicates masks can reduce the risk of transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19.

Additional information and resources regarding face coverings, including a detailed FAQ, is [available online](#).

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Face Covering Guidance for Businesses

Face coverings are required in any indoor public setting or when outdoors and unable to maintain six feet of social distance.

**Businesses are required
to enforce this mandate.**



Snohomish County Offers Aerospace Grant for Workforce Training

In recognition of the profound impact COVID-19 has had on the aerospace industry and its workforce, Snohomish County today launched a grant program for customized, short-term training.

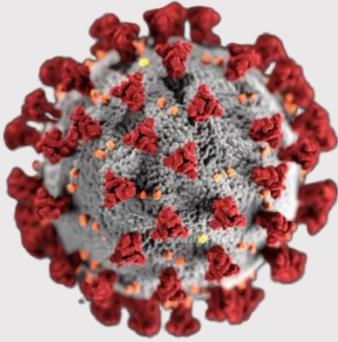
The Aerospace Employment Recovery & Training Program seeks to help furloughed workers retain their jobs and strengthen local businesses.

"This program supports Snohomish County's world-class aerospace workforce through training and education programs," said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. "This training will provide employees and furloughed workers with new skills to adapt to a changing aerospace industry and allow us to maintain the County's competitive edge in commercial aerospace. It also gives local companies an opportunity to hire experienced and trained workers."

The grant is made possible from a portion of the [CARES Act funds](#) that were approved by the County Council to support businesses and workers.

"Supporting workers with the skills training they need for a career in aerospace is important to Snohomish County's economic recovery," said Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring. "This grant program will allow workers to acquire new skills and instill life-long learning. During these





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GOV. INSLEE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY

Gov. Jay Inslee held a press conference today to provide an update on the State's response to COVID-19.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT EDMONDS COLLEGE, SATURDAY, JULY 11

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The Aerospace Employment Recovery & Training Program aims to increase the resiliency of local businesses and to facilitate the reintegration of furloughed workers into the workforce, primarily through cohort-based trainings. The program provides businesses with a grant for preapproved, direct, training-related costs. Funding is available up to \$250,000 per business and training must be completed no later than November 30, 2020.

For more details on the program, including grant requirements, please read the [full press release](#).

Gov. Inslee Held a Press Conference Today

Governor Jay Inslee held a press conference at the State Capitol to provide an update on the State's response to COVID-19, the fall return to school, the face covering requirements, and to discuss the first meeting of the [Governor's Task Force on Independent Investigations of Police Use of Force](#).

Tune into [TVW](#) to watch the recording.

Free Food Distribution at Edmonds College, Saturday, July 11

The Salvation Army Northwest Division has partnered with [The Lynnwood Food Bank](#) to distribute 1,000 food boxes at Edmonds College this Saturday, July, 11th from 9am - 12 pm. Available to anyone in need!

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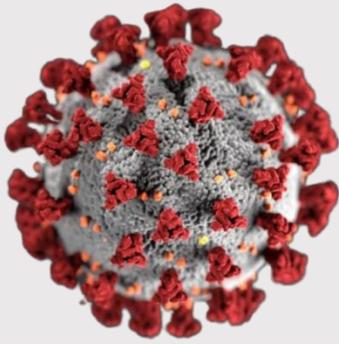
@ EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS

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SATURDAY JULY 11
9AM - 12PM
 AT EDMONDS COLLEGE
 2000 68TH AVE. WEST,
 LYNNWOOD
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NO ID REQUIRED
 DRIVE THRU STYLE -
 FOOD WILL BE PLACED
 IN YOUR TRUNK
 CANNED/ DRY GOODS,
 PRODUCE, BEVERAGES
 AND MASKS





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FREE FACE COVER DISTRIBUTION EVENTS IN EVERETT THROUGH JULY 17

The City of Everett is partnering with Everett Public Schools, the Volunteers of America Western Washington, and Connect Casino Road to distribute cloth face covers at food distribution sites next week.

MLT SMALL BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MONDAY

Eligible MLT businesses submitting a complete and timely application will have a chance to receive a grant of up to \$5,000 for operating expenses or improvements to meet social distancing or employee safety requirements.

Free Face Cover Distribution Events in Everett Through July 17

The City of Everett's [Emergency Management team](#) is partnering with Everett Public Schools, the Volunteers of America Western Washington, and Connect Casino Road to distribute cloth face covers at food distribution sites. Here are the dates and locations for distribution through July 17:

Friday, July 10

- Evergreen Middle, 11:30-12:30

Monday, July 13

- Cedar Wood Elementary, 11:30-12:30
- Hawthorne Elementary, 11:30-12:30

Tuesday, July 14

- Casino Road Food Pantry, 14 E Casino Rd, 10am-1pm
- Jefferson Elementary, 11:30-12:30
- Volunteers of America Food Bank, 3pm-6pm

Wednesday, July 15

- Lowell Elementary, 11:30-12:30

Thursday, July 16

- Volunteers of American, 10am-1pm
- Silver Lake Elementary, 11:30-12:30
- Garfield Elementary, 11:30-12:30

Friday, July 17

- Evergreen Middle School, 11:30-12:30

The face covers are factory-made and are all one size. They were provided by the State of Washington to help meet low-income and community needs. All are welcome. You do not have to be an Everett resident or part of any listed programs to receive cloth face coverings.

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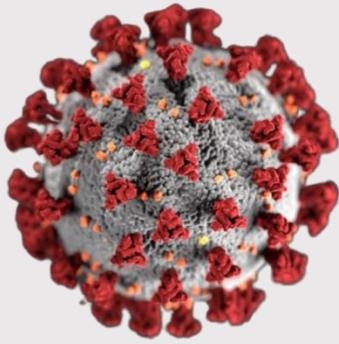
The Mountlake Terrace Small Business Relief Grant Program is made possible by funding provided by the state and the [Federal 2020 CARES Act](#), which allows the city to award grants to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the \$647,000 available to the city, up to \$100,000 has been initially identified for this business grant program. The city's goal is that each grant will provide a financial resource to help a Mountlake Terrace business emerge from this difficult time by retaining and creating jobs, acquiring necessary products to re-open, and providing goods and services to the community.

Eligible businesses submitting a complete and timely application will have a chance to receive a grant of up to \$5,000. Funds may be used for operating expenses, including business rent or lease, payroll, utilities, inventory, marketing, and improvements to meet social distancing or employee safety requirements (see application for eligibility.) Eligible expenses must be incurred within the time period of March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 and documentation of expenses will be required.

Grant applications must be submitted by **Monday, July 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

More information [here](#).



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PUD MAKES DISCOUNT PROGRAM CHANGES TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY

The Snohomish County PUD Board of Commissioners recently approved enhancements to the PUD's Income-Qualified Assistance program to increase accessibility.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN UPDATE

As of July 9, Snohomish County PUD has helped almost 9,900 residential and more than 925 small business customers with the Community Support Plan.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED AT ALL SNOHOMISH COUNTY WASTE FACILITIES

Face coverings are required at all Snohomish County Solid Waste facilities.

PUD Makes Discount Program Changes to Increase Accessibility

The Snohomish County PUD Board of Commissioners recently approved enhancements to the PUD's Income-Qualified Assistance Program that will make it accessible to more customers and provide more relief at the same time.

The changes to the program include expanding eligibility and increasing the discount amounts for most of the customers in the program. The name of the program changed as well as the former Low-Income and Senior Low-Income programs are both now named the PUD's Income-Qualified Assistance Program.

"The PUD is committed to providing relief to our customers who need it the most," said Pam Baley, PUD Assistant General Manager of Customer and Energy Services. "We are proud of the changes we've made to our assistance program and look forward to reaching more of our customers as well as reducing unnecessary barriers to getting the assistance they need, when they need it."

Changes to the program went into effect on July 1.

Under the program's new guidelines, the PUD's Income-Qualified Assistance Program is available to all customers at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines, an increase from the former program's threshold of 125 percent of FPG. According to county statistics, that will allow the PUD to help approximately 20 percent of its customer base, roughly 50 percent more than under previous guidelines.

For customers who qualify, the new program will have just two discount tiers instead of three. Most current discount participants will see positive changes to their discount. Those who received 20 percent discounts before will now receive a 25 percent discount; those receiving 40 percent will now receive 50 percent. The third tier of the former program, which provided a 60 percent discount to customers, will decrease to 50 percent on March 2021.

The recent changes to the program are in addition to changes the PUD made to the program last year. The PUD partnered with several housing providers and local assistance agencies to streamline its enrollment process and provided free weatherization and energy efficiency kits for customers who qualify for help lowering their bill through conservation.

For more information on changes to the PUD's Income-Qualified Assistance Program, [click here](#) or call a PUD Customer Service Representative at 425-783-1000.

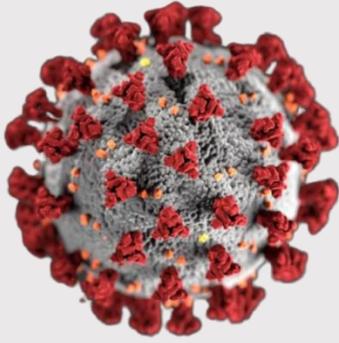
Snohomish County PUD Community Support Plan Update



As of July 9, Snohomish County PUD has helped 9,872 residential and 931 small business customers with their bills through its Community Support Plan. Need assistance? Visit <https://snopud.com/?p=3793> or call 425-783-1000 (residential customers) or 425-783-1012 (business customers).

Face Coverings Required at all Snohomish County Solid Waste Facilities

As a part of the Safe Start Washington phased reopening plan and related directive issued by Governor Inslee on July 7, 2020 facial coverings are now required at all Snohomish County Solid Waste facilities. All customers,



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INSLEE ISSUES, EXTENDS PROCLAMATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee extended two proclamations and issued a new proclamation in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS CONTINUE TO DROP IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY, STATE

New unemployment claims filed by people in Snohomish County declined 17 percent week-over-week.

vendors, contractors and visitors are required to wear facial coverings. Customers refusing to wear a facial covering will be turned away and not allowed to utilize the facility. The mandate does not apply to individuals who have health conditions that make them exempt from the requirement. [Please click here for an overview of the new requirements.](#)

Inslee Issues, Extends Proclamations Related to COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a new [proclamation](#) in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Inslee also announced the extension of the Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act [proclamation](#) and the DOH Health Care Facilities and Hand Sanitizer [proclamation](#).

A July 7 [letter](#) from the Legislature extends proclamation [20-28.6](#) and [20-36.2](#) until August 1.

Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Extension - [20-28.7](#)

This proclamation suspends certain statutory requirements in the [Open Public Meetings Act](#) (OPMA) and [Public Records Act](#) (PRA), to prevent the gathering of people to further curb the spread of the virus and waives the mandated time frame of responding to requests to accommodate the physical closures of public buildings.

This modified version authorizes public agencies holding public meetings in counties currently in Phase 3 to, at their option and in addition to hosting the meeting remotely, include an in-person component to a public meeting.

Read the full proclamation [here](#).

DOH Health Care Facilities and Hand Sanitizer Extension - [20-36.3](#)

This proclamation waives statutory and regulatory requirements relating to DOH licensing of health care facilities, as well as suspends statutory provisions, loosening restrictions on the manufacturing of hand sanitizer.

Read the full proclamation [here](#).

The governor also issued a new proclamation related to DSHS assessments and reviews.

DSHS, Developmental Disabilities Administration - Assessments and Reviews - [20-62](#)

This proclamation waives and suspends certain legal provisions that require the Developmental Disabilities Administration to conduct regular in-person reviews, site-visits and assessments of clients on statutory timelines.

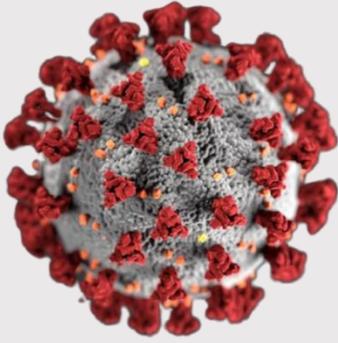
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Unemployment Claims Continue to Drop in Snohomish County, State

New unemployment claims filed by people in Snohomish County declined 17 percent week-over-week, from 3,911 to 3,262, according to the latest data released Thursday by the state Employment Security Department.

The results during the week of June 28 through July 4 were similar to statewide figures, which show 28,393 initial regular unemployment claims were made in Washington, down 11% from the prior week, the ESD reported.

"Although the number of initial claims has dropped significantly since the height of the crisis, and even dipped since last week's figures, our current 'steady state' of initial claims is about 89% higher than the peak of the Great Recession," said ESD Commissioner Suzi LeVine. "We are committed to helping eligible Washingtonians get unemployment benefits as quickly



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UW HOSTING BACK-TO-SCHOOL TOWN HALL FRIDAY

The University of Washington has scheduled a virtual town hall for this Friday to address the return to campus in the fall.

IRS: TAXPAYERS NEED TO RESUME PAYMENTS BY JULY 15

People who took advantage of the People First Initiative tax relief and did not make previously owed tax payments from March 25 to July 15 need to restart their payments.

as possible and supporting both workers and employers as they navigate the changing workforce landscape. For those looking to return to work, or who cannot yet return due to the crisis, I encourage you to check out the [return to work](#) and [refusal of work pages](#) on our website for more information. And for employers looking to avoid layoffs or slowly ramp up re-hiring during this crisis, SharedWork is a great program that can help. You can learn more at esd.wa.gov/SharedWork."

For more information, read the [full press release](#).

UW Hosting Back-to-School Town Hall Friday

As Washington state continues its phased reopening, the University of Washington recognizes that faculty, staff, students and their families have many questions about how the pandemic will affect autumn quarter, when many students, including a new incoming class, will be returning to campus. UW President Ana Mari Cauce has scheduled [a virtual town hall](#) on Friday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. with a panel of UW leaders to address these questions and offer a preview of what back-to-school will mean for the UW community.

Submit question before or during the town hall by e-mailing presofuw@uw.edu. A replay of the event will be posted [on this page](#) after its conclusion.

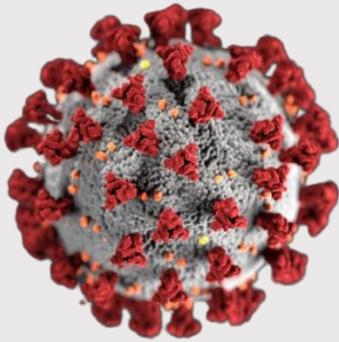
IRS: Taxpayers Need to Resume Payments by July 15

The IRS is reminding taxpayers who took advantage of the People First Initiative tax relief and did not make previously owed tax payments between March 25 to July 15 that they need to restart their payments.

As the IRS continues to reopen its operations across the country, taxpayers who were in payment agreements and skipped any payments from March 25 and July 15 should start paying again to avoid penalties and possible default on their agreements.

"Through the People First Initiative, we have endeavored to provide unprecedented relief to help those who owed federal taxes and allow them extra time," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "As we resume a phased-in approach to our normal operations, we are sympathetic to the many Americans still suffering COVID-related hardships and stand ready to continue offering help to those who need it."

Find more [details here](#) on what taxpayers should do to resume their payment agreements to the IRS.



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of July 9, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:22 p.m.
Confirmed	3,872 (up 43 cases from 7/8)
Probable	515 (up 4 from 7/8)
Deaths	178

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:22 p.m.
Arlington	173 (129 recovered)
Bothell*	302 (218 recovered)
Brier	25 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	418 (345 recovered)
Everett	1,296 (1,004 recovered)
Gold Bar	5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	33 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	184 (131 recovered)
Lynnwood	750 (648 recovered)
Marysville	383 (272 recovered)
Mill Creek	68 (55 recovered)
Monroe	119 (87 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	136 (118 recovered)
Mukilteo	77 (72 recovered)
Snohomish	213 (168 recovered)
Stanwood	137 (106 recovered)
Sultan	11 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	28 (24 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	16 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.